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TO ALL AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

XMT AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO ADDIS ABABA
DAKAR, LAGOS, LONDON, PARIS, BRUSSELS MAY 10, 1973 FROM
ABIDJAN IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

UNCLAS ABIDJAN 3295

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SUBJECT: ECA/ OAU/ AFDB AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ABIDJAN

REF: ABIDJAN 1350

1. AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OPENED IN ATMOSPHERE FILLED WITH
SENSE OF AFRICAN SELF- PRIDE, COGNIZANCE OF IMPORTANCE OF CONTINENT
WIDE EFFORT TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT AFRICAN POLICY, AND
SERIOUSNESS OF UNDERTAKING.

2. IN SPEECH TO OPENING SESSION, GOIC PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET- BOIGNY
POINTED OUT THAT WITH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PLAGUED BY UPSETS
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OF ALL TYPES, IT IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT THAT SUCH A GROUP SHOULD BE ASSEMBLED WITH A COMMON WILL. HE FURTHER STRESSED THE PROMISING LINKING BETWEEN POLITICAL REALITIES AND ECONOMIC NECESSITIES AS MOVING TOWARD SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF ECONOMIC LIBERATION OF AFRICA.

3. IN REFERRING TO "DISILLUSIONMENT," HE MENTIONED THE DETERIORATING TERMS OF TRADE QUALITATIVELY AND QUANTITATIVELY INSUFFICIENT AID, AND THE INJUSTICES OF DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH. HE STATED THAT AFRICA MUST BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT SHE WILL ABOVE ALL HAVE TO COUNT ON HERSELF, AND THAT THE CURRENT ECONOMIC "WAR" BEING WAGED BETWEEN THE LARGE COUNTRIES WAS BEING FOUGHT OVER ISSUES THAT WILL ONLY BENEFIT THEM. IN CLOSING, SPEAKING OF AFRICA, HE ASKED "WHAT DOES IT WANT? TO BECOME SOMETHING." HE CHARACTERIZED MEETING AS AFRICA'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (ETATS-GENERAUX).
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